

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 24-25, 27, 30, 32-34, 36, 38-40, 42, 44-46, 50, and 62 are currently pending.

Amendments to the Claims

Solely in an effort to advance prosecution of the subject application, claim 24 has been amended to include the recitation that the acid is selected from the group consisting of citric acid, hydrochloric acid, lactic acid, glycolic acid, acetic acid, phosphoric acid, and tartaric acid. Support for this amendment is found, for example, at paragraph [0017] of the specification. New claim 62 has been added. Support for this claim is found, for example, at paragraphs [0009] and [0017] of the specification.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments to the claims.

Summary of Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks Examiner Peselev for the courtesy extended to their representative, Steven H. Sklar, during an interview held on July 17, 2008. During the interview, the Section 112 Rejection set forth in the Final Office Action dated June 2, 2008 was discussed.

Discussion of Section 112 Rejection

Claims 24, 25, 27, 30, 32-34, 36, 38-40, 42, 44-46, and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant does not concede that this rejection is proper. Nevertheless, solely in an effort to advance prosecution of the subject application, independent claim 24 has been amended to further define the acid. Accordingly, the rejection of pending claims 24, 25, 27, 30, 32-34, 36, 38-40, 42, 44-46, and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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